Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Melvin Kepplinger and Virginia Grosz exchanged their wedding vows on August 26, 1956, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Melvin and Virginia gave life and love to one son, Bruce; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Melvin and Virginia have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, Melvin and Virginia will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their friends and relatives gather to honor them at the Scotland VFW Hall on August 26, 2006, to celebrate their lives and the camaraderie of the day; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this special occasion in the lives of these two people who have lived exemplary lives for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2006, as

MELVIN AND VIRGINIA KEPPLINGER DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State